

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner that claims 3, 5, 6 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claims 3 and 9, respectively. Applicant has introduced new independent claim 27, which incorporates the subject matter of claims 1, 4 and 5, respectively. New dependent claims 28 to 31 have been added, which are based on original dependent claims 2, 3, 6 and 7. Claims 3 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

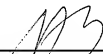
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rizvi et al. (U.S. 5,417,992). Further, the Examiner rejected claims 12-14 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rizvi (U.S. 5,417,992) in view of Shefet (U.S. 7,040,974).

As previously mentioned, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 9, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended claims 1 and 8 are allowable, and that the dependent claims 2, 4 to 7 and 10 to 26 are all allowable as well. Further, Applicant submits that the independent claim 27 is allowable, since it contains claim 1 with the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Therefore dependent claims 28 to 31 are also allowable, since they depend from independent claim 27.

Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any concerns with the claims as amended, applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned at (416) 957-1697 to discuss the case and avoid the expense and time of issuing a further communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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